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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL MISSION TO VENEZUELA

1. A HIGH LEVEL COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT MISSION, HEADED BY FIRST VICE PRESIDENT CARLOS MANUEL CASTILLO, DEPARTED TODAY FOR A FIVE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO VENEZUELA. ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENTS HERE, SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT INCLUDE: COPPER DEVELOPMENT; DEFENSE OF SUGAR PRICES; MECHANISMS FOR PETROLEUM OFFSET PAYMENTS; POSSIBLE DIRECT INVESTMENTS IN COSTA RICA; TRANSFER OF COFFEE RETENTION FUNDS; CONSTRUCTION OF AN OIL REFINERY AND PIPELINE IN COSTA RICA; SUPPLY OF PETROCHEMICAL INPUTS FOR PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN COSTA RICA; AND POSSIBLE VENEZUELAN FINANCING FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, INCLUDING A FISHING INDUSTRY, INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE NATIONAL PRODUCTION COUNCIL AND THE OPENING OF THE VENEZUELAN MARKET TO COSTA RICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, SUCH AS MEAT.

2. REGARDING "DEFENSE OF SUGAR PRICES," CASTILLO SAID, "WE ARE GOING TO CONSULT WITH VENEZUELA ON THIS  
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IMPORTANT MATTER PRIOR TO THE SUGAR CONFERENCE THAT WILL

TAKE PLACE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AT THE END OF APRIL."

3. REGARDING COPPER, CASTILLO SAID THAT THE MISSION WOULD TALK TO VENEZUELA CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF COPPER, UTILIZING IMPORTANT DEPOSITS OF THIS MINERAL EXISTING IN COSTA RICA. HE SAID THAT COSTA RICA HAD ALREADY TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS MATTER WITH THE MEXICANS. CASTILLO ADDED THAT VERY INTERESTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION IN EXTRACTING AND PROCESSING COPPER EXIST IN THE CARIBBEAN.

4. IN ADDITION TO CASTILLO, THE COSTA RICAN MISSION WILL CONSIST OF FINANCE MINISTER PORFIRIO MORERA, ECONOMY MINISTER JORGE SANCHEZ, CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT BERNAL JIMENEZ, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR RODOLFO QUIROS GUARDIA, RECOPE REFINERY DIRECTOR ERNESTO MACAYA AND ENGINEER TEOFILO DE LA TORRE OF THE COSTA RICAN ELECTRICITY INSTITUTE WHO IS ALSO COORDINATOR OF THE NATIONAL ALUMINUM COMMISSION. THE PROGRAM INCLUDES VISITS TO THE STEEL AND ALUMINUM PLANTS AT PUERTO ORDAZ, THE GURI DAM AND MARGARITA ISLAND.

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